Sri Janardhana Temple, Ujire, Belthangady, Karnataka

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Location, Address, Phone Number, etc.

The Sri Janardhana Temple (also known as Sri Janardhanaswami Temple or Shri Janardhana Swami Temple) is an ancient Vishnu shrine located in the heart of Ujire town, Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka.

It stands as one of the key attractions in this educational and pilgrimage hub near Dharmasthala.

Address: Sri Janardhanaswami Temple, Surya Temple Road, Ujire, Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka - 574240.

Phone Number: +91 8256 237111 (as listed in some directories; confirm locally).

Website/Facebook: Active updates on :

https://www.facebook.com/Shri-Janardhana-Swami-Temple (for festivals and events).

How to Get There

By Road: Ujire is a major junction on the route to Dharmasthala. From Mangalore (65-75 km), via Belthangady or direct buses. From Dharmasthala (15 km), frequent buses/taxis. From Bengaluru (300+ km), via Hassan-Sakaleshpura.

By Train: Nearest stations: Mangalore Junction (65 km) or Subrahmanya Road (closer for some routes).

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 75 km (1.5-2 hours by cab).

Best Time: October-March (pleasant); festivals draw crowds.

Greatness of This Temple, History and Legends

The Sri Janardhana Temple in Ujire is an 800-year-old ancient Vishnu shrine, considered one of the oldest in Dakshina Kannada (South Canara) district.

It is a significant Vaishnava pilgrimage site, drawing devotees for blessings of prosperity, health, and wish-fulfillment.

History: Built around the 12th-13th century (preceding Madhvacharya's era in some accounts), the temple reflects early coastal Karnataka Vaishnava traditions.
Madhvacharya (13th century) is believed to have visited or referenced the region (Ujire as "Ujjabhuti").
The temple has hereditary trustees and community management, with renovations over centuries preserving its sanctity.

No specific elaborate legends are widely documented, but as a Janardhana (Vishnu) shrine, it embodies protection and sustenance.
It is revered as a primitive temple in the region, symbolizing ancient devotion in the Western Ghats foothills.

Architecture

From the outside, the temple appears modest and small, but upon entering, it reveals a spacious and fairly large complex typical of traditional Tulu Nadu Vaishnava architecture – simple tiled roofs, wooden elements, and a serene courtyard.
The layout is peaceful, suitable for quiet darshan.

Main Deity Here and Subdeities

Main Deity: Lord Janardhana (form of Vishnu as Janardhanaswami) – beautiful idol in standing posture, embodying compassion and preservation.

Subdeities: Typical parivara devatas including Ganapati, Garuda, and others in smaller shrines.

Daily Poojas and Rituals and Their Charges

Timings: Generally morning to evening (specific: confirm locally; usual 6 AM–12 PM and 5–8 PM).

Rituals: Abhisheka, archana, naivedya following Vaishnava traditions. Free general darshan; nominal charges for personal poojas (Rs. 20–100).

Special Poojas, Sevas and Their Charges

Special offerings include various abhishekas and alankaras. Charges nominal (Rs. 100–500+; booked at counter).

Festivals

Major events include Vaishnava observances like Ramanavami, Krishna Janmashtami, and local annual festivals with cultural programs.

Facilities for Devotees Such as Accommodation etc.

Basic parking and prasadam during events.
Annadana on festival days.
No dedicated guest house; abundant options in Ujire (educational town with SDM institutions).

Donation Info, Bank Acct Numbers etc.

Donations via hundi support maintenance. Contact temple trustees for details.

Nearby Temples

- Shree Sadashiva Rudra Temple (Surya Temple), Nada (6 km – famous wish-fulfillment shrine).
- Sri Manjunatha Temple, Dharmasthala (15 km).
- Santhana Priya Naga Kshetra, Ujire (local serpent deity temple).

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Dharmasthala (pilgrimage hub).
- Charmadi Ghat (scenic drive).
- SDM Educational Institutions (campus visits).
- Jamalabad Fort (trekking).

Nearby Budget Hotels

- Ujire/Dharmasthala area abundant (Rs. 1,000–3,000/night):
- SDM guest houses/lodges.
- Hotels in Dharmasthala or Belthangady.

Any Other Info

Peaceful town temple; ideal combined with Dharmasthala visit.

Dress code: Traditional.

Rated highly for serenity (4.7/5 reviews).

As of December 30, 2025, active with community events.
🙏 Hari Om! May Lord Janardhana bless you with eternal protection and fulfillment.

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YouTube Videos

Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple. Ujire (3 min):

https://youtu.be/f4C0-9iCwE0?si=Rak8wA9F5FrPy2QU

Sri Janardhana Swamy temple (5 min):

https://www.youtube.com/live/Z5lituNXoeU?si=M2AX5PjTPpEsWD-S

Annual Jaatre (0.5 min):

https://youtu.be/1jqo-z-kGv4?si=omNlE2jD-DtZcrYf

Ujire Jaatre 2023 (2 min):

https://youtu.be/WuKrOm_DT4U?si=xI_cqwa8d09Rqo-z

Ujire temple – donation by American Kiran Batt for Brahmaratha (34 min):

https://youtu.be/tOfr2aQh9BI?si=K7xM7h_VO9xDST2S

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